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Command Message

The Marine Corps Aviation Association's "Igor Sikorsky Squadron" will be renamed the "Keith McCutcheon Squadron" in a ceremony May 5 at 4 p.m., at the MCAS New River Officers' Club.

All officers, SNCOs and NCOs are invited and food and drinks will be provided.

For more information contact Capt. M. A. Vincent at 449-7563.

The commanding officers of MCAS New River, MAG-26 and MAG-29 cordially invite you to attend the National Day of Prayer Service on May 4 at the MCAS New River Memorial Chapel.

The program begins at 7:15 a.m. with a breakfast starting at 6:45 a.m.

Colonel Stephen L. Forand, MCAS commanding officer, will be the guest speaker with special music provided by Delalio Children's Chorus.

For more information, call (910) 449-6866.

There will be a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night at the Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Club every third Friday of each month.

The first cards will be dealt at 6:30 p.m. and play ends at midnight.

There are 100 seats available and tickets cost \$20.

Prizes are awarded to those who come in first through 5th place.

The marriage enrichment one-day seminar "His Needs, Her Needs," will be taking place at the New Bern Convention Center May 9, 11, 23 and 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The seminar is sponsored by 2d MAW and is for regaining and/or strengthening intimacy, appreciation, communication, and minimizing the stress and challenges resulting from deployment separation.

Lunch is included.

To register, call (252) 466-3314 or contact the MAG-26/29 chaplain's office.

The post office (military side) hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Wednesday, official mail may be dropped off between 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For more information, call (910) 449-5476.

Community

The Wounded Warrior Spouses' Support Group meets every third Wednesday of each month.

The meetings start at 6:30 p.m. at the Key Volunteer Center, Building H-14, and are open to all Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Marine Corps Air Station New River families.

For more information, call Shannon Maxwell at 347-4450 or Becky Klepper at 353-4625.

The Scout Olympics Competition, in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, will be held at Northside High School on May 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops will be competing in individual and team events throughout the day.

Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (910) 577-6896 or visit the White Oak River District Web site at www.whiteoakriver.com

The Special Olympics program will be hosting their Spring Games at Northside High School on May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

More than 150 Special Olympics athletes will be competing in track and field events and volunteers are needed.

Those interested in volunteering can contact Jayme Alexander at (910) 545-0858 or for more information, call (910) 449-9539.

The Onslow Art Society invites all artists, 18 and older, to enter the 46th Annual Spring Art Show.

For more information, call 455-1441.

The 2006 Thalian Hall 10K and 5K Run will take place May 27 at 8 a.m., at Thalian Hall in downtown Wilmington, N.C.

Registration costs \$20 and day of the race costs \$25. Racers receive a T-shirt, a post race party and a breakfast.

Awards will be given to the top three runners of each age group.

For more information, call (910) 343-3660 or email czechlewski@thalianhall.com.

The Educational and Developmental Intervention Services are offering free developmental screenings for children up to 36 months of age.

For more information, call Raymond Applewhite at (910) 450-4463.

Religious Info

The Weekly Men's Bible Study Group meets every Thursday morning at 6 a.m., at the Mainside Protestant Chapel Annex behind the Base Chapel.

For more information, contact Chaplain James Dance at 451-3210, Maj. Jo Rozier at 451-7842, Staff Sgt. Stacey Lafferty at 450-8595 or Jim Sides at 451-5024.

Recruiting

Earn promotion points for recruiter's assistance in the Northeast Region.

Recruiters assistants are needed at Recruiting Stations Albany, N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y., Harrisburg, Pa., New Jersey, New York, N.Y., Pittsburgh, Pa., Portsmouth, N.H., and Springfield, Mass.

For more information, applicants are encouraged to please contact 1st MCD at (516) 288-5656.

Marines interested in recruiters assistance in the Colorado, Wyoming, Western Nebraska or Western South Dakota areas should contact Sgt. Maj. Robert Cadle at cadlerg@marines.usmc.mil or call (303) 241-8102.



Civilian Spotlight

Flor De Oro Cabrera
*Station
Gymnasium
Recreation Aid*



Hometown: Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Family: Cabrera has two mini long-haired dachshunds, one lab mix dog, a mini pincher chihuahua mix, one australian cattle dog mix and one terrier mix.

Military background: She has worked for the Department of Defense for the past 11 years.

Time on Station: Cabrera has been on Marine Corps Air Station New River for eight years.

Best part of job: "I have learned youth sports, so I get to do something besides sitting behind my desk," said Cabrera.

Best part of working with the military: "I get to know a lot of people with different backgrounds and nationalities. I like the military environment," said Cabrera.

Proudest accomplishment: "I assembled an armoire. It took me nine hours to assemble because I put the arms on backwards," she said. It wasn't her greatest accomplishment, but her first time assembling anything. "It's something new that I'm very proud of."

Best advice received: "Treat others the way you would like to be treated, it's the golden rule," said Cabrera.

Personal hero: "My mother always gave me good examples. She taught me right from wrong. She's an excellent mother," said Cabrera.

Personal motto: "There is always light at the end of the tunnel. No matter what problem you have, there is a solution," she said.

Why is your job important: "I provide customer service and it's important to me that the patrons feel welcome and comfortable when they use our facility," said Cabrera.



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'War Eagles' welcome aboard new Sgt. Maj.

Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz
correspondent

Sergeant Maj. William H. Bly Jr. relinquished the duties of Marine Aircraft Group-29 sergeant major to Sgt. Maj. Danny Smith during a ceremony on the flightline April 21.

Bly will assume the duties of Station sergeant major Friday, May 5.

"He will be sorely missed at MAG-29, but we are very grateful that he will remain close and still part of 'Team New River' as the (Marine Corps Air Station) sergeant major," said Col. Christopher S. Owens, MAG-29 commanding officer.

Owens explained that Bly's qualifications for the position of Station sergeant major are very much credited to his experience at MAG-29.

"He is uniquely qualified to take over at the Air Station, as his two years at MAG-29 have given him the perspective on all the major issues affecting Marines here at New River," said Owens.

Prior to becoming the MAG-29 sergeant major, Smith served as group sergeant major for Marine Air Control Group-18 at MCAS Futenma.

"Sgt. Maj. Smith is an experienced sergeant major whose excellent reputation preceded him here," said Owens.

"The transition into his position has been and will continue to be seamless," said Smith. "I understand the expectations and focus that is needed to continue to march the enlisted Marines and Sailors in the right direction."



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(Above) The command of MAG-29 stands at attention during a post and relief ceremony. (Right) Bly gives a farewell speech to the "War Eagles."



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Wolverines open door for Shine

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correspondent

Sergeant Maj. George L. Shine relieved Sgt. Maj. Michael D. McAvoy of the duties of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-29 sergeant major at an April 28 ceremony on the flightline.

The ceremony also marked McAvoy's retirement after 30 years of service.

"If I could, I'd stay in past 30 years," said McAvoy.

McAvoy said he will miss working with Marines the most.

"They're the best. I love them," McAvoy said about his Marines.

"When I go on leave I miss them."

McAvoy said he feels Shine is more than ready to be MALS-29 sergeant major.

"They got Sgt. Maj. Shine and he's well up to the task," said McAvoy.

Prior to being assigned to MALS-29, Shine served as Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island Support Battalion sergeant major.

"I'm excited and ready to get started," said Shine.

Shine said he thinks it will be a good challenge to take McAvoy's place.

"I think it will be rewarding. I get to come into this squadron and carry-on some of the fine works and traditions that he's upheld," said Shine. "I'll be able to continue that legacy."

Shine said he would like to thank Headquarters Marine Corps for the opportunity to serve as MALS-29 sergeant major.

VMMT-204 welcomes Balczo as new Sgt. Maj.

Lance Cpl. Randall A. Clinton
correspondent

Sergeant Maj. Hayward Williams relinquished his duties as the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204 top enlisted position to Sgt. Maj. Stephen Balczo during a post and relief ceremony on the New River Air Station flightline April 28.

Williams served as the first sergeant major for VMMT-204 for the past six months. He will become the sergeant major for Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22.

Balczo assumes his role as sergeant major following a successful tour at a Detroit recruiting command.

"I enjoyed starting from ground zero with the unit, because they didn't have a sergeant major," said Williams, who also received a Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal at the ceremony.

He said coming from the ground side of the Marine Corps, he really appreciates the historic nature of the Osprey program.

The new sergeant major said he looks forward to leading his Marines.

"I like the ability to impact young Marines, to show them that even an aviation guy can become sergeant major," said Balczo.

In his opening remarks he explained how motivating it is to look out his office window and see a flightline full of MV-22 Ospreys. "This is the essence of the squadron, to fly those into harms way. This is truly pioneering aviation," said the sergeant major with 23 years of experience.

Colonel Joel P. Kane, VMMT-204 commanding officer, pointed out how Balczo will help fill the specific needs of the squadron by combining both the toughness of an experienced enlisted Marine with his knowledge of recruiting, career planning and retention.

"He comes out of the aviation side, so he understands the nuances of a squadron," said Kane.



Lance Cpl. Randall A. Clinton

Colonel Joel P. Kane and new Sgt. Maj. Stephen Balczo salute the colors during a post and relief ceremony on the Station flightline April 28.

MWSS-272 welcomes aboard new CO

Lance Cpl. M. L. Meier
correspondent

Lieutenant Col. Paul C. Merritt relinquished command of Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 to Lt. Col. Terrence A. O'Connell during a change of command ceremony April 20.

Merritt served as commanding officer of MWSS-272 for approximately two years. Merritt said he is proud of the Marines he has had under his command in that time.

"This is a great place to be a commander. It's a fine, fine organization, and it's a family," Merritt said. "(New River) is a great place to be a commander and be a Marine."

The squadron recently returned from a deployment to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, where they provided aviation ground support for Al Asad and Forward Operating Base Al Qaim.

"They were great folks over in Iraq," said Merritt. "They worked tremendous hours in adverse conditions."

O'Connell does not take his newly appointed position lightly.

"This is easily the most important responsibility I've ever had," he said. "We take this very seriously. It's a privilege and an honor."



Cpl. Ezekiel Roger Kitandwe

(Above) Lt. Col. Paul C. Merritt, former Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 commanding officer, receives a Bronze Star medal for his efforts during OIF.
(Right) Merritt passes on the squadron colors of MWSS-272.



Cpl. Ezekiel Roger Kitandwe

IED can't stop 'Untouchable'

Lance Cpl. M. L. Meier
correspondent

"I heard the whole thing. I knew what had happened, but I couldn't believe that I was actually hearing it," said St. Cloud, Minn. native, Sgt. Alan D. Lane. "It got black real quick. Not knowing what was going on, I got out of the vehicle. I couldn't see hardly at all from my right eye and I had this ringing in my ears. I was just checking my body not really believing I was in one piece."

Lane, Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 explosive ordinance disposal technician, was awarded the Purple Heart at a ceremony April 24, at the squadron's motor transport lot for wounds sustained by enemy action.

The night of December 22, Lane and his group were making their way through farmlands and bumpy dirt roads, after responding to a 9 a.m. call from Al Qaim and successfully ridding Iraq of nine improvised explosive devices and two weapons caches.

"We were about 50 meters behind the lead vehicle. We were going five, maybe 10 miles per hour. They went through an area where there were two berms on the sides. We went through the same area.

That's when we hit the IED," said Lane.

Lane's vehicle had run over a pressure plate IED with three artillery rounds, 130 mm or larger, he said. It was connected to another just head-high on the passenger side berm. However, the enemy had fortuitously hooked it up incorrectly and it did not explode. Lane was told the front of the vehicle was completely destroyed. He is not sure that had the second IED detonated, the vehicle would have withstood the blast. It was the upper armor that protected them.

Fiberglass and other debris from the radio mount were blasted through the cab, causing damage to both occupants' eyes. Lane also sustained a blast injury to his ears. He's not sure if it's permanent or not. There was some minor bleeding in one ear, but he said he is confident there was not substantial damage done to the ear drums.

Lane and his passenger were medically evacuated, first to Al Qaim then to Baghdad, where they stayed for about a week as their vision gradually improved.

"He's the guy who goes and looks for things that blow up. There's nobody that spends more time in that type of environment,"

said Brig. Gen. Robert "Boomer" Milstead, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) commanding general. "If IED's don't find him, he finds them."

Although Lane said he is glad to have done his job and his part, he also feels extremely lucky to have survived. He explained he was just out there doing his job like the rest of the "Untouchables."

"There are very few awards that carry the honor of the Purple Heart. That award speaks to personal sacrifice. He paid a price that many of us who go over there don't," said Milstead. "Everyone (on the deployment) was prepared to do those sorts of things, but they didn't-- he did. He was wounded in combat action and that speaks a great deal."

Although looking at Lane one cannot see the results of his ordeal, it has certainly left its mark.

"It felt kind of strange to receive a Purple Heart for something I don't feel like I have much physical injury from," Lane said modestly. "I know my nerves are shattered, but I know other people have been killed or permanently disabled. I feel humbled by it."



Lance Cpl. M. L. Meier

Sergeant Alan D. Lane, MWSS-272 EOD technician, was recently awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during a recent deployment.

Lt. Cols. receive Bronze Stars for support during OIF

Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz
correspondent

Lieutenant Colonels Jay A. Van Der Werff and Thomas R. McCarthy received Bronze Stars at an award ceremony April 24.

Both gentlemen were awarded for their efforts during a six-month Iraq deployment.

"I feel I just did my job," said Van Der Werff, Marine Aircraft Group-26 executive officer. "The Marines that worked for me, both officers and enlisted, did a great job while we were in Iraq. This is a reflection on the work that they did as well."

During the deployment, Van Der Werff served as an operations officer. He assumed the duties of executive officer March 31, when McCarthy relinquished the position.

It was a great experience working with Lt. Col. McCarthy in Iraq. He is a great peer and a great friend, said Van Der Werff.

"He has a lot of good days ahead of him," he added.

McCarthy will assume the position of site commander at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., June 28.

Being awarded a Bronze Star is an amazing accomplishment and it is a great reflection on the rest of the Marines, said McCarthy.

"I am honored to receive it and to even be considered for it," he added.



Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz

(Above) Lt. Col. Jay A. Van Der Werff, Marine Aircraft Group-29 executive officer, his wife Kelley, and his children Virginia, Olivia, Litton and Amelia pose for a photo after he received a Bronze Star for his support during OIF. (Right) Lt. Col. Thomas R. McCarthy, MAG-29 outgoing executive officer, poses with his wife Jennifer.



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"Sounds of Freedom" Airshow



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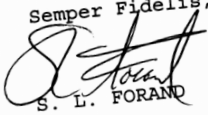
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WELCOME ABOARD:

On behalf of the Marines, Sailors, and civilians of Marine Corps Air Station New River I welcome you to the 2006 Sounds of Freedom Air Show and Open House. Our goal is to create a memorable experience for everyone who participates and attends the Air Show.

This event most certainly involves our entire community. Without the cooperation of our neighbors in Jacksonville and Onslow County, we would be unable to provide this display of professionalism and teamwork. We take great pride in opening our Air Station and offering our neighbors a firsthand look at the operational readiness, capabilities and, of course, their Marines.

Enjoy this day and learn about the exhibits on display and the men and women who sustain them. Take advantage of this opportunity to speak with our young Marines and Sailors. As always, they are the highlight of this Air Show and the greatest asset to our Nation's Defense.

Semper Fidelis,

S. L. FORAND


ATTENTION!

All privately owned vehicles will enter the flightline through the vehicle gates located at the end of White Street.

All pedestrians will enter the flightline through the same vehicle gate, or through the turnstile located at AS-518, next to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26

Access to Officer Housing and the Marina areas will be restricted during Air Show hours of 9a.m. to 4p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please plan ahead and expect intermittent delays, as flying demonstrations will cause the access roads to these locations to be closed for short periods of time.

Colonel Stephen L. Forand
Commanding Officer
Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.



Schedule of Events

Admission and parking are free.
Gates open at 9 a.m. Aerial performers begin at noon. All acts are subject to change without notice.

U.S. Army Special Operations
Command 'Black Daggers'
Parachute Demonstration
Team

Marine Air Ground Task
Force (MAGTF)
Demonstration

Jim Leroy's 'Bulldog
Airshows'

MV-22 'Osprey'
Demonstration

Jurgis Kairys' 'Sukhoi'

A10 and F86 Heritage
Demonstration

Dale 'Snort' Snodgrass and
F-86 Sabre

Larry Kelly and B-25J
'Panchito'

AV-8B Harrier
Demonstration

Tinstix of Dynamite

Rich's Incredible Pyro

Canadian Forces 'Snowbirds'
431 Air Demonstration
Squadron

Safety Guidelines

For consideration of others' safety and to ensure the most efficient security processing possible, the following will be enforced:

- Picture ID will be required of all spectators 17 years or older.
- FREE parking will be allowed on Station for all visitors.
- The general public will enter the Air Station at the main gate (US 17).
- All vehicles will be subject to search. Guests without appropriate government decals/passes must remain in the Air Show area or designated parking lots.
- Prohibited items at the Air Show include knives (all types), firearms, walking sticks (except for handicap use), pepper spray/mace, stun guns, scissors, box cutters, throwing stars, nun-chucks, coolers, picnic bags/baskets, backpacks, duffel bags, briefcases, camera bags, fanny packs and pets (except for seeing eye dogs).
- Exceptions to the above restrictions are baby strollers, wheelchairs, diaper bags and small camera bags. However, all items are SUBJECT TO SEARCH. Still and video cameras are allowed at the show, but owners should not load film prior to entering the show area as they will be required to open all camera compartments at the security checkpoint(s).
- Owners of cell phones and pagers will be asked to show that they are operable.
- Any further questions concerning Air Show safety or security checks should be directed to the Marine Corps Air Station New River Joint Public Affairs Office at (910) 449-5431.

Canadian Forces 'Snowbirds' 431 Air Demonstration Squadron

Back again from the 2005 Open House, the Canadian Forces 'Snowbirds' are in-line for another dazzling performance above North Carolina.

The 431 Air Demonstration Squadron consists of approximately 85 Canadian Forces personnel. All members of the Canadian Forces Snowbirds are serving members of the Canadian Forces, including the Reserve Force, each of whom brings years of military experience to the team.

The Snowbirds demonstrate the high degree of professionalism, teamwork, excellence, discipline and dedication inherent in the Air Force and the Canadian Forces.

As with the rest of the Canadian Forces, the Snowbirds operate as a team at all times, both in the air and on the ground. Pilots and technicians work closely with one another on a daily basis in order to prepare for, and

bring, thrilling and safe performances to the North American public.

Twenty-four of the squadron members comprise the show team that travels during the show season. The show team has 11 aircraft, nine for aerobatic performances, and two as spares, flown by the team coordinators.

The Snowbirds' demanding schedule is met through the dedicated teamwork of not only the eleven military pilots and show team technicians, but also the entire home team.

The Snowbirds are a Canadian national icon, a symbol of pride and unity for all Canadians.

The Snowbirds have flown the CT-114 Tutor jet since 1971. The aircraft was designed and built in Canada and was used by the Canadian Forces as its basic pilot training aircraft until 2000.

The jets are painted in a distinctive red and white paint

scheme symbolic of Canada's national flag. As members of the nation's military, the Snowbirds are proud to fly Canada's color across North America.

The Snowbirds are very confident flying the Tutor. It is safe and performs extremely well as a demonstration aircraft.

There is a team, based in Ottawa at air force headquarters, looking at options to best support the Snowbirds in the future. At this time however, the Snowbirds can expect to fly the Tutor for the next several years.



U.S. Army Special Operations Command 'Black Daggers' Parachute Demonstration Team



The U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team is comprised entirely of volunteers from throughout the Army special operations community. They have diverse backgrounds and various military specialties. The average age is 33 years and the average number of free fall jumps is 560. The team represents the professionalism and dedication of special operations forces.

The U.S. Army Special Operations Command (Airborne), better known as USASOC, was activated Dec. 1, 1989 at Fort Bragg, N.C. USASOC is the Army component of U.S. Special Operations Command, headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

The mission of USASOC is to deploy fully trained

and equipped Army special operations forces worldwide, to conduct special operations across the range of military operations, in support of regional commanders, American ambassadors and other agencies. For almost three-quarters of a century small, highly trained groups of soldiers have been inserted behind enemy lines to disrupt the movement of enemy troops and supplies to the front lines. These brave soldiers have frequently used parachutes as a means to infiltrate without being detected. Although most of the airborne forces of the world still use round parachutes, some specialized units use the Ram Air Canopy as their primary means of infiltration.

The USASOC Parachute Demonstration Team, known as the Black Daggers, uses the military variant of the Ram Air parachutes and allows the free fall parachutist the ability to jump with more than 100 lbs. of additional equipment attached to him. In addition to the extra weight, the jumper must also withstand the high winds, frigid temperatures and low oxygen common at high altitude, requiring the jumper to be highly skilled.

When exiting the aircraft, normally from an altitude of 12,500 feet, the jumpers free fall for about two miles at approximately 120 miles per hour. They fly their bodies to perform maneuvers using their hands, arms legs and shoulders to control their flight. The parachutes used by our team are flexible wing gliders.

The Black Daggers mission is to perform live aerial demonstrations in support of U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Community Relations and Recruiting.



Heritage A-10 and F-86 Demo

The A-10 Thunderbolt and F-86 Sabre will be performing again for the pleasure of the crowds at MCAS New River.

The A-10 Demonstration Team is one of six fighter demonstration teams sponsored by Air Combat Command of the United States Air Force.

The combination of high and low speed maneuvering, rapid rolls, maximum performance climbs and descents, and simulated weapons employment vividly illustrates the Thunderbolt II's and Sabre's capabilities.



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MAGTF Demonstration

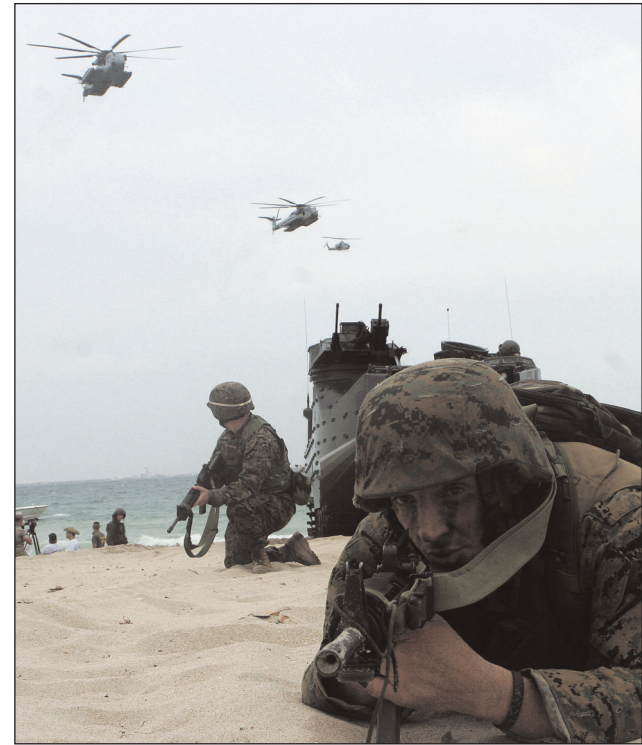
Marine Air-Ground Task Force or MAGTF is a task organization of Marine forces (division, aircraft wing and service support group) under a single command and structured to accomplish a specific mission.

The Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) components will normally include command, aviation combat, ground combat and combat service support elements (including Navy Support Elements).

Three types of Marine airground task forces which can be task organized are the Marine Expeditionary Unit, Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

The four elements of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force are:

1. Command Element (CE) - The MAGTF headquarters.
2. Aviation Combat Element (ACE) - The MAGTF element that provides all or a portion of the functions of Marine Corps aviation.
3. Ground Combat Element (GCE) - The MAGTF element that is task-organized to conduct ground operations.
4. Combat Service Support Element (CSSE) - The MAGTF element that is task-organized to provide the full range of combat service support necessary to accomplish the MAGTF mission.



Jim LeRoy's 'Bulldog Airshows'

With a routine full of signature maneuvers and heart stopping surprises, Jim redefines the limits with explosive and non-stop action from start to finish.

"People want to see low, wild, and seemingly out of control, but at the same time they want discipline, precision, and complete control," says Jim. "You've got to take all of those elements and fuse them together in just the right way."

Jim attacks the classic maneuvers with a "new-age" energy, adds the state of the art gyroscopic stunts, throws in some tricks of his own and combines it all into a mesmerizing display of aerodynamic dynamite that will leave even the most seasoned air show spectators shaking their heads in amazement.

The recipient of the 2002 Art Scholl Showmanship Award and the 2003 Bill Barber Award for Showmanship, Jim is one of only eleven performers ever to receive both of these highly prestigious honors.

His entertaining flying style, coupled

with his dynamic personality and tireless energy, has made Jim one of the most recognized performers in the history of the business.

Jim is one of only a handful of full time "stunt pilots" in the world and makes his living by performing for air shows.



Static Displays



B-25J 'Panchito'



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KC-130 Hercules



UH-1N Huey



LAV-25

Static Displays



AH-1W Super Cobra



CH-53E Super Stallion



CH-46E Sea Knight



MV-22 Osprey

Jurgis Kairys Sukhoi

Jurgis Kairys was born in Krasnojarsk, Siberia, on May 6, 1952, where his parents were stationed. When Jurgis was still a small boy his family was able to return to their home country of Lithuania.

His interest in flying started at an early age when watching planes landing and taking off at an airstrip near his home in Lithuania. He became an air-frame engineer and was able to start flying aerobatics at the Kaunas Flying Club in Lithuania.

His talents and determination were obvious and he soon became a member

of the elite National team.

The style of aerobatics we see today was developed over twenty years ago by Lithuanians Stepas Arishkevichius and Jurgis competing with each other while on the Soviet team and coaching each other.

Today, every unlimited pilot flies in the style promoted by the Lithuanians in the seventies.

His engineering and piloting skills were recognized when he was asked to work with the Sukhoi Design Bureau to develop the Sukhoi 26, 29 and 31 series of completely new aerobatics aircraft using futuristic ideas to dominate the Unlimited World Aerobatics Championships.

This was achieved with the aircraft winning many championships from the European Championships to the World Grand Prix of Aerobatics piloted by Jurgis and the Russian team members. This legacy continues to this date with the Su31 winning again in the 2003 WAC in Lakeland, Fla.



Chili cook-off heats up Family Fun Day

Lance Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson
correspondent

Soups on! Well, actually the dish of the day was chili, but Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron invited everyone to enjoy food, family and friends at its annual Family Fun Day April 22.

The annual event supplies Marines an opportunity to bring their family to the Station to meet the men and women they work with and other Marines in the squadron they may not know.

Gunnery Sgt. Billy L. Chastain, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Section One crash chief, said “know-

ing your Marines will make you a more effective leader.”

The event, that took place at the softball field, opposite the Station commanding officer’s building, provided many venues of entertainment for its guests.

Guests had the chance to compete in contests like a home run

derby, a dunk tank and a football-toss for gift certificates. Each contest had age groups so that children and adults could both win first place.

The most coveted prize was the \$150 commissary gift certificate for earning first prize in the chili cook-off.

Anyone in H&HS could compete in the chili contest. The five newest Marines in the squadron will judge the chilies by taste-test, said Staff Sgt. Andrew Wickenden, H&HS squadron gunnery sergeant.

At the end of the day, the chili-cook off boiled down to a tie, which was broken by a taste-off courtesy of Lt. Col. Gregory F. Kleine, H&HS commanding officer, Sgt. Maj. Scott

M. Smith, H&HS sergeant major, and Warrant Officer Luis A. Rivera, Installation Personnel Administration Center pay and promotions officer-in-charge.

The winner of the chili cook-off was Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert L. Byes, Installation Personnel Admin Center outbound officer-in-charge. Honorable mention of the day went to eight-year-old Rashaad R. Johnson, who won two \$50 gift certificates to the commissary for first place in the football-toss and the home run derby.

The family is what makes the squadron and it was a good chance for the squadron to be together, said Kleine.



Lance Cpl. Sean D. Grosvenor, base operations aviation operations specialist, tastes chili for the chili cook-off contest held April 22.

Marines-exercise caution

Lance Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson
correspondent

Marines generally do physical training before or after the workday. Let's face it, with summer coming up and the temperatures rising, you got to beat the heat. Be careful though Marines, PT-ing in the morning or evening in low-visibility can be dangerous when trekking the hardball.

Gunnery Sgt. Tyree M. Padilla, military police district New River Air Station operations chief, warns against running on Curtis Road, specifically from the main gate to the commissary area. "That is one of the more high-speed areas and congested traffic areas. The likelihood of accidents is higher. People could get injured if they're PT-ing on the sides of the roadways especially in low-visibility," said Padilla.

Air Station Order p5100.12.G section 5006. Pedestrians and Marching Troops, states:

While conducting physical training or exercising on or near roadways within three feet from the road, individuals will wear a reflective vest or belt before morning colors and after evening colors or during other periods of reduced visibility. Reminder: From the intersection of Alpha Street and Schmidt Street along the roadway of Curtis Road to Highway 17, jogging, running and physical training is prohibited. Personnel may conduct exercise outside a three-foot boundary.

The order has been put in place to prevent Marines from getting hit by vehicles and getting injured, said Padilla.

Drivers stay alert! You don't see too many Marines running on the prohibited section of Curtis Rd. but occasionally you do and they'll be corrected, said Padilla.



Lance Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson

Marines run on Curtis Road every morning but only from the main gate to the commissary is restricted from physical training.

Motorcyclists exercise skills, learn new abilities



(Above) Motorcyclists gear up at the Base Theater and head out to the flightline in groups after opening remarks and a brief on the days events by Col. Stephen L. Forand, Station commanding officer.

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson
correspondent

More than 300 Marines, Sailors and civilians gathered on runway 1/19 and taxiway Delta on April 21, where they filled the Station with a sound of freedom— racing motorcycle engines of every kind.

The Station hosted the first Motorcycle Safety Rodeo to exercise participants’ riding abilities. Marines and Sailors from Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point and local civilians joined New River servicemembers to refresh their riding and handling skills.

Colonel Stephen L. Forand, Station commanding officer, and Station personnel organized the event hoping to keep Marines safe. From the time you turn 16 and get your license, throughout your whole life, no one monitors your driving skills, said Forand.

Many Marines have had their bikes in storage for the winter and

still have dust on their block, some have recently returned from Iraq, and some just purchased new wheels last week.

“This is an outstanding event for anybody, regardless of experience. You’re never too good to practice or train,” said Master Trooper Cliff N. Adams, Wake County motorcycle patroller.

Instructors from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and a handful of experienced Marine motorcyclists, ran each course. The event was composed of 25 hand-picked stations taken from the MSF’s Basic RiderCourse and Experienced RiderCourse to practice maneuvers used frequently while riding. Course curriculum ranged from 24-foot right and left-hand circles, riding in a straight line then turning, and maneuvering between cones.

Master Sgt. Matt T. Szymansky, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Radio Reconnaissance Platoon staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge, went to the event to ride, but was asked to instruct one of the circle stations.



“This is great for Marines. I think the fact that they closed down the flightline for this is awesome,” said Szymansky.

Among the 25 stations, riders competed on three advanced maneuver stations. The stations were a slow-ride distance course, a 35-mph short-distance stop and a timed distance-maneuver course.

Staff Sgt. Timothy S. Greenlaw, 8th Communication Battalion multi-channel equipment repair man, a rider with 13 years experience said, “I think they need to do this again next month and then go for a ride. A lot of Marines have never ridden in a group. They need to get that experience.”

All things considered, there were no accidents, Marines got paid while learning to ride their motorcycles safer and some riders won free motorcycle gear in an end-of-the-day raffle drawing.

The MSR will be followed up by a “Ride Like a Pro” motorcycle demonstration at the “Sounds of Freedom Airshow” May 13 and 14. For more information call the Air Show Hotline: (910) 449-4173.



(Left) Chief Warrant Officer-3 Ronald C. Ivy, ordnance maintenance platoon 2nd maintenance battalion commanding officer, was among the few Marines chosen to instruct a station due to years of riding experience. (Above) Master Sgt. Matt T. Szymansky, Radio Reconnaissance Platoon staff NCOIC, instructs riders how to control their motorcycle while taking a tight circle.



(Above) Marines practice safety at an accelerate, stop and turn station. (Below) Staff Sgt. Timothy S. Greenlaw flies his Marine Corps flag proudly as he completes a figure-eight station.



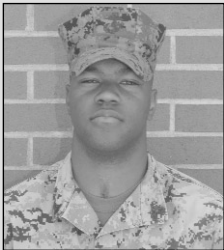
ROTOVIEW

What are you getting the mother in your life for Mother's Day?



"I won't be getting my mother anything, but I'm getting my wife the normal things like flowers and a card."

1st Lt. Sean M. Hennessy, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-365 maintenance material control officer. Kal Ispell, Montana



"I'm going to send my mom flowers and drive home for a home-cooked dinner."

Cpl. Justin F. Lawson, Calibration Lab administration clerk. Kinston, N.C.



"I'm going to go home and visit, I got block leave and I haven't seen my mom in five years."

Lance Cpl. Keran D. Morrison, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-29 aviation mechanic. St. Thomas, Jamaica

Marines on clock 24/7, on and off base

Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz
correspondent

Since we perform our duties as a service to the American people, it is essential to the Marine Corps' existence that we have their support. In order to gain this support, Marines must conduct themselves professionally; on and off-base.

When recruits get off the bus and stand on the renowned yellow footprints for the first time, they begin a 13 week indoctrination to become U.S. Marines. Their training will take them from the parade deck to the rifle range and from the gas chamber to the swim tank. They also attend numerous classes to learn the history of the corps, how to provide first aid, customs and courtesies and the appropriate behavior expected of a Marine. These things are not to be forgotten.

One man who owns a business outside the New River gate, retired gunnery sergeant Anthony P. Waters, co-owner of Muddy's Coffee House, said there has never been a problem inside the coffee house, but he is aware of the inappropriate conduct Marines have displayed elsewhere.

"I have seen some pretty bad stuff," he said.

The majority of Marines is very respectful. However, many Marines seem to have become much too comfortable with the use of profanity. It isn't unheard

of for them to use inappropriate language in public places and around children, said Waters.

Waters said he recently witnessed a Marine's wife speak to a master sergeant using profane language after her husband was corrected for wearing one of his green undershirts with his civilian attire.

"The Marine did nothing to stop his wife," he added.

Waters said he also saw a private first class walk into a sit-down restaurant in his blue coveralls. But that doesn't qualify for the number one spot.

"The worst thing was in Wal-Mart. It was a lance corporal and he was wearing his Alphas," he started. "But they were unbuttoned and the belt was completely taken-off."

In a military community like Jacksonville, where many retired and former Marines reside, there is a strong influence to ensure today's Marines maintain current standards.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Ihor Sywanyk, owner of Sywanyk's Scarlet and Gold Traditions night club, explained that Marines need to have a respectable appearance while in public.

By dressing like a Marine, one is more likely to act like a Marine, he said. "I personally believe that when people dress better, they act better."

Sywanyk's Scarlet and Gold Traditions is the only place in Jacksonville with a dress code, he

said.

Aside from appearance, speaking professionally also says a lot about the Marine Corps as an organization.

"I ask all Marines to be aware of their own actions and to take charge of themselves," said Sgt. Maj. Lewis Summerville, Station sergeant major. "We have to stop setting the wrong example to those that we serve and protect. Every Marine has to remember that he or she is part of the Marine team and that team is much bigger than any individual."

Many young Marines also agree that using profanity is unprofessional and tarnishes the Marine Corps' reputation with the surrounding communities.

"We are Marines 24-seven and it is unprofessional," said Lance Cpl. John D. Floyd III, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron weather observer. "We should be professional 24-seven."

Floyd explained why Marines need support from the community.

"We need their support. We wouldn't be here without them," said Floyd. "They pretty much put the money in our pockets."

Sometime after the proud moments that followed the graduation of basic training, many Marines lost some of the professionalism and pride that had been instilled in them. If it was worth working so hard to become a Marine, it is definitely worth the effort it takes to stay a Marine.

Proper civilian attire

Marines should present the best possible image at all times and continue to lead the way in military presence.

(1) Items authorized for wear with civilian clothing by men are restricted to the gold cuff links, studs, tie bar, mourning band, footwear, socks, gloves, undergarments, black bow-tie, green wool scarf, general purpose trunks, and crew neck service sweater, the all-weather coat, tanker jacket, dress blue sweater and personally owned extreme cold weather jackets (gortex) without grade insignia, watch caps, and cold weather physical training uniforms.

(2) Uniform items authorized for wear with civilian clothing by women are restricted to the white shirt without insignia of grade, footwear, gloves, handbag, clutch purse, mourning band, crew neck service sweaters, green wool scarf, general purpose trunks, and the all-weather coat, extreme cold weather jacket (gortex), tanker jacket or the dress blue sweater without insignia of grade, watch caps, and cold weather physical training uniforms.

(3) Uniform items that have been declared obsolete may be worn with civilian clothing.

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CCE spins servicemembers, civilians up on available education programs

Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz
correspondent

The Marine Corps has become a known supporter of any Marine's desire to pursue knowledge and further his or her education. The College of Continuing Education serves as evidence of the Marine Corps' encouragement and as a great learning tool to aid Marines in their quest for knowledge.

The CCE has been making military educa-

tion and training opportunities available to all Marines through distance learning for almost eight years.

Distance learning provides Marines with access to educational courses anywhere the Internet is available, said Maj. Dennis J. Larson, Marine Corps Base Quantico CCE operations officer.

"It provides learning opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Larson.

The Distance Learning Program gives Marines a head start by providing them with useful knowledge before needing to establish a familiarity with military concepts. The courses are also available during the time of that establishment to assist Marines in learning and anytime after to ensure the knowledge is preserved in their minds, said Larson.

The DLP is accessed through marinenet.usmc.mil and includes courses such as Marine Corps Institute exams, military occupational spe-

cialty specific courses, and the officer professional military education seminar program.

"The officer PME is great because it is a two year, instructor lead, seminar program that is current and relevant to what Marine officers need in today's Corps," said Maj. Richard D. Callahan, MCB Quantico CCE project officer.

Aside from the precious knowledge gained through the participation of DLP, Marines may also find motivation to enroll when considering the opportunity to receive points toward promotion upon the completion of each course. All completed courses are recorded to ensure Marines will receive recognition for their off-duty ambitions.

The CCE doesn't limit its welcome to Marines. It offers access to military retirees, government civilians and Marine's families.

"The tens of thousands of the civilians employed by the Marine Corps require training and, with budgetary constraints, are always in need of required and professional development training," said Steve A. Brown, Marine Corps

Base Quantico training and education command education marketing officer.

Courses, such as the Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, Skills program, are made available to civilians through marinenet after enrolling in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

The LINKS program is designed to provide guidance and assistance to Marine families as they cope with their Marine's deployments and long working hours. By enabling interaction between both new and experienced spouses, LINKS grants them the opportunity to share experiences and exchange hope-strengthening support.

With very few being withheld from accessing the online courses offered through the CCE and marinenet.usmc.mil, furthering education is a desire to be fulfilled.

"We exercise our muscles in order to further develop them. The brain is further developed by learning via education and training," said Brown. "Education changes lives."



Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz

Semper Fitness

Weight in the USA



Lynda F. Itró
MCCS personal trainer

Being in military communities it used to be hard to find obesity among active-duty members and children.

However, as time has moved on these numbers have increased with a slow climb over the years.

Being in the military alone isn't enough to protect everyone from the heavy problem Americans are now facing.

Statistics show that the amount of overweight children in the U.S. have rose from 14 percent to 17 percent!

And men, well they jumped from 27 percent to 31 percent (Overweight and Obesity: Obesity Trends: U.S. Obesity Trends 1985–2004, 2006).

Americans love to break records, but wow this is one we shouldn't be competing for.

As we look for places to put blame for weight problems, in our genetics, in perhaps an injury that took a long time to heal from, or the food we are served, we forget to look at ourselves.

Increased food intake and decreased physical activity is a sure formula to lead to a weight problem.

Plan of attack for military families:

a) Avoid going large, super sizing or getting big grabs on food portions.

b) Cook at home, you can most likely find a healthier version of your favorite foods and make it yourself (the kids can help and you get bonding time). Kids learn by what we do, it's up to us as parents to teach them how to eat.

c) Exercise - do it as a family - bike ride, nature trails and swimming are great family activities.

d) Try and avoid sweets as much as possible - Did you know children get an average of almost 10 serving of sugar a day? Try to limit children to just one sweet a day and that is it. Most of all, follow advice pediatricians give for not only our children but for ourselves too.

Every month I offer up personal challenges in the gym. In May I'm offering two types of challenges.

One is for families, and you don't have to actually step foot in the gym to do it. Just come by and see me around the first of May and I will help you out!

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Basketball tourney a slam dunk

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Samuel D. White
correspondent

The Single Marine Program set forth a challenge that over 50 Marines, Sailors and local civilians showed up to answer - who's the king of the New River court?

On April 22, SMP hosted a three-on-three, double elimination basketball tournament in which 12 teams competed to claim their seat on the throne.

The idea for the tournament was presented during an SMP committee meeting and the response was higher than expected, said Patrick M. Highers, Marine Corps Air Station New River SMP coordinator.

"We originally only planned for five teams and about 30 players, but a lot more showed up and we were glad to have them," said Highers.

SMP also provided free hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and beer, but had to shut down the barbeque due to lightning and rain and move the tournament in-doors to the Station Fitness Center.

By the end of the tournament, the teams had expressed their thanks for SMP and are looking forward to the next tournament.

"I think the Marines have had a lot of fun playing basketball and I had fun watching the games, so we'll be sure to do it again soon," said Highers.



(Above) A member of the championship team, "The Vets," squares up against a player from "The Cooks," during a SMP three-on-three tournament April 22. (Left) A player soars towards the basket for an easy finger-roll as two defensemen attempt to block his shot. (Below) A Marine uses his cross over to "shake" his opponent.



Special Olympics

The 2006 Special Olympics Spring Track and Field Games will be hosted at Northside High School in Jacksonville on May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. For more information please call (910) 346-8366.

Women's Basketball

Women interested in applying for the 2006 Marine Corps Women's Basketball Trial Camp should contact the Marine Corps Community Services athletic director at 449-5609 or 449-6410.

Scout Olympics

The 2006 Boy Scouts of America Scout Olympic Competition will be hosted at Northside High School in Jacksonville on May 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information please call (910) 577-6896.

Sailor drifts away from Station

Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz
correspondent

The CH-46s have been living some of their latest moments in heart-break. Aside from the struggle to cope with future extinction, the "Sea Knights" were forced to face the end of a strong and steady eight-year relationship with their only Navy avionics instructor.

There is another aircraft in the life of Petty Officer 1st Class Shawn A. Scott, avionics electrician and technician. He left the Station May 2 to work on H-60 "Black Hawks" in San Diego.

Prior to Scott assuming the duties of a CH-46 avionics instructor at the Center for Naval Aviation and Technical Training, the Navy began to retire its CH-46 fleet. While working

at the Station as an instructor, the "Sea Knights" were completely withdrawn from the Navy, which made him the last sailor to have duties pertaining to the CH-46.

"It is a good reliable aircraft," said Scott. "It's been around since Vietnam and it's still going strong for the Marine Corps."

Scott has completed his three years of shore duty and will assume the sea duty portion of a three-year mandatory rotation. Among all things, Scott said he is looking forward to the possibility of being deployed.

"That's why I joined the Navy," said Scott. "My next duty station is a sea-going squadron, so they will deploy while I'm there."

Scott didn't only build a bond with the CH-46s. He also developed a very solid relationship with his team

of Marine instructors.

This was a good experience. The Marines here were very professional and it was great working with them, said Scott. "It was a lot of fun."

He is an outstanding example, said Staff Sgt. Eli J. Bressler, CNATT chief avionics instructor.

"The Navy's (Physical Readiness Test) only requires him to do a mile and a half run, but when we do our three-mile run, he'll usually finish it with us," he added.

Scott also earned a green belt in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, though he will reap only the benefit of self-satisfaction.

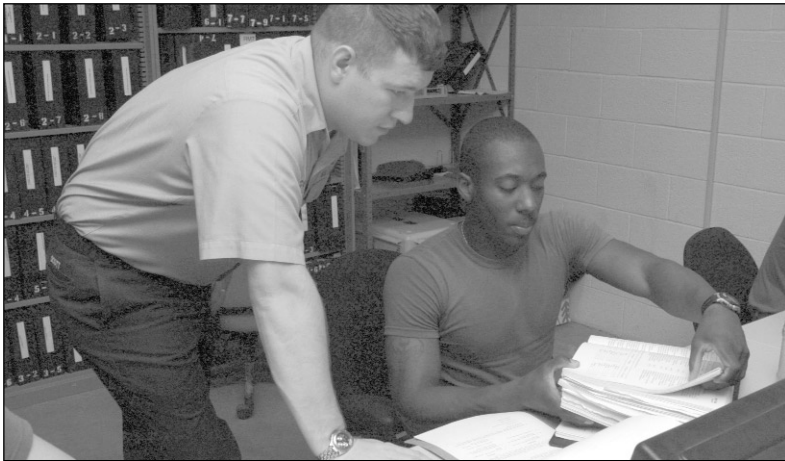
"With him leaving, it is tough because he has some qualifications that a lot of others don't," said Capt. Dale A. Wesner, CNATT Marine Training Unit director and officer-in-charge.

During his time at New River, Scott was designated as a Master Training Specialist, which means he displayed great proficiency as an instructor. Only the top ten percent of the Navy's instructional staff is designated with such a title.

He has been a valuable asset to our team, said Wesner.

"He has taken a lot of his knowledge about the Navy and spread it to the Marines, giving us a much broader perspective," he added.

The CH-46s and the "Sea Knight" instructors have spent their last moments together and must accept the separation. Though the "Sea Knights" will lose a solid performer, there is a helicopter in San Diego that is going to be very happy.



Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz

Petty Officer 1st Class Shawn A. Scott, CNATT avionics instructor, provides assistance to Lance Cpl. Dimitrius S. Douglas, CNATT student, during a test.



Doggone good time

Delalio Elementary School students greet McGruff at the Annual Springfest Carnival April 21. Center for Naval Aviation and Technical Training students worked games, a putt-putt course, a frisbee toss and a moon jump to support the carnival. (photo by Lance Cpl. M. L. Meier)

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Insurgents storm Station, fire engulfs flightline in drill

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Samuel D. White
correspondent

What if everything that could possibly go wrong in one day did?

What if victims were drowning in New River, flames were engulfing the Station flightline, unknown chemicals were floating in the air and Marines were laying in the middle of it all, injured from the various incidents?

Not to mention the military police district is in a shoot out at the same time with terrorists who are holding a hostage at Station operations and making ridiculous demands.

So, if all of this were to happen in one day how would you respond?

Marine Corps Air Station New River answered that question during a mass casualty drill and an antiterrorism force protection drill April 28.

The mass casualty exercise was conducted in preparation for the "2006 Sounds of Freedom Air Show," that will be conducted at New River May 13 and 14 and the antiterrorism force protection drill was conducted as part of the Station's annual training.

"We conduct these kind of exercises to demonstrate all the capabilities that New River has to offer in terms of how we respond to different situations," said Duke Colvin, MCAS New River deputy director of operations.

Not only do the exercises show the Station's strengths in response capability, it also can help the command of New River identify weaknesses that could use improvement.

"Communications are typically a problem and the process of getting the right assessment of what's going on and feeding that information back up to the command center can always be improved," said Col. Stephen L. Forand, Station commanding officer.

When the day finally came to a close and the players packed away their fire protection suits and rubber rocket propelled grenades, the command felt assured in the Station's capabilities to respond to a crisis.

"I'm very confident in our initial response and our ability to be able to take care of injured Marines or civilians and get them to proper medical facilities in the event of a mishap," said Forand.



(Above) Marines with Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting carry a victim during a mass casualty drill April 28. The ARFF section carried the victim, who was pretending to be injured due to a downed aircraft, through a decontamination site before taking him to the emergency medical team. (Left) Duke Colvin, MCAS New River deputy director of operations, discusses the surveillance capabilities of the Air Station. (Right) A terrorist, played by a Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Marine, patrols his area.



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What is 'The Perfect Marriage'?

Cmdr. Ron Brown
2d MAW Deputy Wing Chaplain

The excitement of a couple planning their wedding is contagious. They are "in love"; she is the perfect woman and he is the perfect man and nothing in heaven or on earth will convince them otherwise.

They are so excited, their eyes dance with joy as they think about their future together.

But, when the honeymoon is over and they are settled down and dealing with the routines of daily life, the music must stop because in many cases the joy is dulled.

In their mind, they begin to ask themselves questions. Did aliens abduct that wonderful person I married? When did he become so uncultured, he listens to country music; and he even chews tobacco, (nasty stuff)?

The man on the other hand wonders, "Who is this scary woman" walking about the house in the early morning hours?

They both wonder at some point, what happened to us? Marriage can be a lasting and beautiful relationship, but in order to keep it that way, couples must constantly work to maintain that "in love" feeling.

If you desire the perfect marriage and willing to make it happen then I have a deal for you. It is a 'One Day Event' that will transform your relationship.

If you are a newlywed or have been married 100 years and want the fire of passion and romance to

blaze in your marriage, this deal is for you.

Attend this Revival of Romance event and put in practice the principles shared and you may experience a Romantic Revolution.

"His Needs, Her Needs," by renowned psychologist and author Dr. Willard F. Harley, has sold over a million copies. This noted author's book is the basis of an upcoming "One Day Marriage Seminar" transformation (see the ad in this edition of Rotovue).

In this work, Dr. Harley unveils the key needs of a woman and a man. If a couple understands these key needs and practices his principles for meeting one another's needs, they will experience mutual fulfillment for a lifetime.

Dr. Harley is convinced through years of experience that if you and your spouse follow the principles in his book, you will increase your marital satisfaction and "affair proof" your marriage.

This dynamic training will place you on a life long journey of marital fulfillment.

2d Marine Aircraft Wing couples with a spouse who has recently returned from deployment may contact their Group Chaplain for more information to sign up for this one day Revolutionary Event, to be held May 9, 11, 23, and 25 at the New Bern Sheraton Convention Center.

Free child care is being offered on-site. Breakfast and lunch are also provided for free at the seminar.

One Day Marriage Enrichment Seminar



Sheraton Hotel,
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May 9, 11, 23, 25

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free to all

Contact your Group chaplains office to sign up or for more information

Memorial Chapel services

Sunday Services

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For more information, call the
Memorial Chapel at 449-6801.

Safety Snippets: *How to deal with holiday travel situations*

Traveling during holidays can be stressful. The following are a few tips to help you arrive at your destination safely:

·Buckle up - drivers and passengers.

·Allow plenty of time to get to your destination.

·Avoid crowded roads by starting as early as possible. Traffic picks up on the highways the day before a holiday and continues through the weekend.

·If you are driving through any major metropolitan areas, leave time for construction delays and other congestion.

·Check the weather in your town, your destination, and points along the way.

·Be prepared by having a good travel kit for your trunk including snow chains, an ice scraper, a good pair of gloves, flares and a flashlight. Warm blankets, water and snacks are a good idea, too.

·Let the people you are visiting know your route and your expected time of arrival.

·Don't speed. The leading cause of collisions in North Carolina is speed. Every 17 minutes, someone is killed or injured on N.C. highways in a speed-related accident. Speeding doesn't save that much time on a longer trip.

·Take breaks when going long distances. AAA recommends that drivers stop every two hours for a 15-minute break.

·Turn on your headlights and leave them on throughout the trip.

·Stay out of the pack of cars to leave you room for any sudden stops.

·Steer into a skid. Take your foot off the gas, but do not brake. If you have to brake and you have antilock brakes, apply a firm and steady pressure to the brake pedal.

Station's top enlisted bids farewell

Sgt. Maj. Summerville retires after 30 years of dedicated service

Lance Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent

There comes a time when the old must pass the torch on to the new as the Marine Corps continues to grow and progress.

As our Station's senior enlisted advisor, Sgt. Maj. Lewis Summerville, steps off deck, a different Marine will rise to the challenge of filling the void he leaves.

Upon his retirement May 5, Summerville said he and his wife, Patricia, will remain in the Jacksonville community.

"Staying in the area gives me the opportunity to remain close to Marines," said Summerville. "For 30 years, I have been around Jar Heads and I can think of nothing or no one, aside from my wife, that I would want to spend my retired life around more than Marines."

Since his enlistment in 1974, Summerville has worn many hats and carried the title of Marine with pride and professionalism.

Summerville began his career as a motor vehicle operator at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C. Less than half a year later, he was reassigned to Naval Air Re-work Facility as a security policeman.

In April 1978, he reported to Drill Instructors School at Parris Island, S.C., and was assigned to 2nd Recruit Training Battalion

as an Assistant Drill Instructor. During his tour, Summerville trained five platoons.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my drill instructor billet," Summerville added. "This was due to the caliber of Marines that I served with on the drill field, as well as the enjoyment that I received from seeing the transformation of young men from civilian to Marine."

Summerville attributes much of his success to those that taught him during his tour as a drill instructor.

"The Leadership over me was outstanding and I attribute who I am today in great part to those that tutored and mentored me in all facets of Marine Corps life as well as my personal life," Summerville explained.

According to Summerville, one of the Marines he feels influenced him greatly was Ihor Sywanyk, retired sergeant major and owner of SywanykS Scarlet and Gold Traditions.

Summerville was one of Sywanyk's students in drill instructor school at Parris Island and he also served underneath him at 8th Motor Transport Bn., 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"I remember him when he just started out as a sergeant in DI school," said Sywanyk. "From the time I had him as a student, and later on in the Corps as a staff noncommissioned officer at 8th Motors, he was always a go-getter. He was motivated and always gave his best, and that's what sticks out most in my mind about Sgt. Maj. Summerville."

In July 1979, Summerville was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps.

"(After my discharge) I attended college and took courses to get a degree in business. I was out of the Corps for two years and during that time I missed the Corps very much," said Summerville.

Just two years later Summerville made the decision to re-enter the Corps.

"Upon re-entering the Marine Corps, I elected to return to the drill field for a second tour because I knew that if I did well, it would enhance my career by providing meritorious promotion opportunities and place me ahead of my peers for regular promotion selection," said Summerville.

On July 2, 1981, Summerville left civilian life to pursue a career in the Corps. He was assigned to Parris Island, S.C., for a second tour as a Drill Instructor with 2nd Bn.

During his second tour, Summerville trained eight

recruit platoons as a Drill Instructor and Senior Drill Instructor. During this time, he was meritoriously promoted to staff sergeant.

In October 1983, Summerville received orders to Quantico, Va., where he was assigned to the Motor Transport Unit, T&S Company at the Basic School. He attended the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Enhancement course and the SNCO Academy.

Three months later, Summerville was assigned to Charlie Company, Officer Candidates School as a platoon sergeant for officer candidates.

In October 1984, Summerville was transferred to Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga., and assigned to F&S Division as the operations chief for the Base Motor Transport Branch.

After a one-year tour as truck master for Marine Wing Support Squadron-172 Motor Transport Unit at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, Japan, Summerville reported to 8th Motor Transport Bn., 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and was assigned to the Battalion Operations office as the training chief and the battalion truck master.

During his tour with 8th Motor Transport Bn., Summerville deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In April 1992, Summerville was transferred to the Virginia Poly-Technics Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) assigned as the assistant Marine officer instructor.

After his promotion to first sergeant in November 1994, Summerville was transferred to Okinawa, Japan.

During November of 1994, 1st Sergeant Summerville was assigned as the first sergeant of Truck Company at Camp Hansen. In November 1995, he returned to the states and reported to Delta Company, 8th Tank Bn. Columbia, S.C., for duty as the Inspector-Instructor (I&I Staff) first sergeant.

Upon selection to sergeant major in February 1998, he received orders to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif., and was assigned as the squadron sergeant major for HMM-166. During this tour, he participated in numerous unit deployments with the squadron, including WestPac 2000 as the Air Combat Element sergeant major.

"My greatest accomplishment as a Marine was being selected a sergeant major of Marines," said Summerville. "The confidence entrusted in me by our Corps could not be



photo provided by Sgt. Maj. Lewis Summerville
Sergeant Maj. Lewis Summerville during his second tour as a drill instructor at MCRD Parris Island in 1981.

equaled by any of my prior accomplishments."

In November 2001, Sgt. Maj. Summerville was transferred to MCAS New River, N.C., for duty as the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron sergeant major.

"I have served my entire time as a sergeant major with the Air Wing and my experience with the Wing has been great," said Summerville. "I gained a much greater respect for the aviation side of the Marine Corps because of the work ethic that I experience from the Marines in my squadron. In my opinion, I could and would not have served with any better Marines than I did with the Wing."

While serving at the Wing, Summerville worked under Col. Stephen L. Forand, Station commanding officer, who said he will miss the sergeant major's presence.

"Sergeant Maj. Summerville totally immersed himself in all aspects of the Air Station," said Forand. "He dedicated his efforts to ensure Marines received the best possible support from all departments onboard the Station."

Although Summerville will be leaving the Corps and will greatly miss his Marines, the memories he produced during his time as a leatherneck will last a lifetime.

"I will miss all phases of the Marine Corps," said Summerville. "Nothing I have done will go unnoticed as I reminisce over my career as a Marine in the years to come."

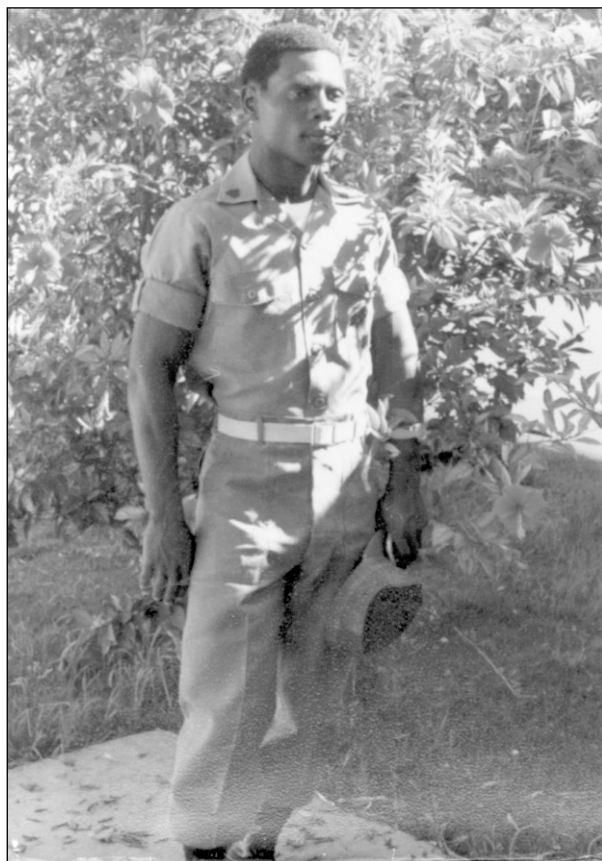


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Sergeant Lewis Summerville poses for a photo while deployed to Okinawa, Japan, in August 1977.